Seven Mayors Suspended.

PARIS. December 29.-The prefect of Haute Savoie has suspended seven mayors Haute Savole has suspended seven mayors for refusing to notify priests of orders Historical Association Gives No Truth in Reports to the sequestrating parish property.

The Eclair publishes a report that the pope has decided to appeal to the whole Catholic world for subscriptions in aid of the French clergy.

Mgc Albano a Brazilian bishop, who was going to Rome, broke the journey at Nice, where early this morning he celebrated mass Before leaving the church he re-ceived a summons, and later appeared before a commissary and underwent an inter-rogation. The bishop, who witnessed the separation of church and state in Brazil, will now be able to compare the different methods employed.

Pope Preparing a Statement.

ROME, December 29 .- The pope is preparing a new document in the matter of the difficulty with France. It has not yet been decided whether this communication will James Bryce Elected to Honorary London Times Alleges That American be in the form of a letter to Cardinal Richard, the archbishop of Paris and eneycleal to the French epscopacy, or an al-location to the sacred college. Neither has the time of the publication been deter-mined, but it probably will be issued after the application of the law passed by the French senate today.

SUPPORTS PRESIDENT

U.S. DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S VIEW OF BROWNSVILLE AFFAIR.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

GALVESTON, TEX., December 29 .- M. C United States district attorney who makes frequent visits to Brownsville, claims that personal invesigation after the convinced him that the first volley of shots at Washington. came direct from the barracks. He said: While there I determined to make an investigation on my own account, and after nearly completing it I discovered that Mr. Merrill Griffith United States consul at Matemoras, had been investigating along the same lines. We arrived at the same conclusions, viz., that the attack was premedftated and well organized and that the first volley, which shattered Louis Cowan's house, came from the second story of the

The shots were not intended for Cowan's house, but for the house of Fred Tate, er down for jestling a lady.
I examined the bullet holes in Louis

Cowan's house and discovered that they came from the direction of the barracks and entered the house in a downward course. They must have been shot from an elevated position. As the barracks are right across from the house and the only building in that direction, I consider that the bullet holes in the house directly es-tablished the guilt of the soldiers. Furit points out the fact that the whole battalion was implicated, because shots could not have been fired without the tion in its history, there being 275 more

cannot understand how the evidence called to account? Why has not the sentry versity as secretary and treasurer. who must have seen the soldiers leave with

their guns been called upon for testimony? Women's College was awarded the Justin "The shots being need from the barracks. Winson prize of \$100 offered by the Amerims very strange to me and to every ident was justified in dishonorably dis-charging the entire command."

CHARGES AGAINST CARDOZO. Attorney McNamara to Take Up Case at Early Date.

It was learned last evening that Stuart McNamara, assistant United States attorney and special counsel for the board of education, has not yet taken up the matter of formulating the charges of the superintendent of schools against F. L. Cardozo, the reinstated supervising principal of the thirteenth division. Statements to the effect that the charges have been drawn or that a basis for the case has been decided upon are declared to be without foundation.

Mr. McNamara has on his desk a letter from Admiral George W. Baird, president of the board of education, in which the inidents upon which Supt. Chancellor based. his recommendation for Cardozo's dismissal are outlined in detail. He will take this up and frame the charges the early part of this week, probably tomorrow.

Rumor has it that difficulty was experi-enced by Admiral Baird in securing any-thing tangible in the case from Superin-tendent Chancellor prior to the latter's de-parture for New York, and has had practi-cally to do without assistance. Dr. W. S. ally to do without assistance. Dr. Montgomery, assistant superintendent for colored schools, has been called upon to furnish information, but it is rumored that nothing of a legal form nor of a sim-McNamara will, of course, have to

pass upon this phase of the question when he gets to it. Owing to the press of a large amount of government business at this ime he has been unable to look into the Steps will be taken to direct the appear ance before the board of any persons in the school system whom the accused may de-

stre as witnesses for his side, as well as hose whom the board itself may wish to summon to establish its case.

INCORPORATED BY WOMEN. Company Capitalized at \$1,000,000 to

Dig for Garnets. ST. PAUL, Minn., December 29. - The Alaska Garnet Mining and Manufacturing Company of Minneapolis filed articles of corporation with the secretary of state today. The board of directors is com-

other things. Durkee, Mary T. Elmer, Pearl Gunder and Pearl Hewitt, all of St. Paul. Mamie R. Fowler of Minneapolis is president of the

with the company. The company is cap-

In Defense of Mother.

James A. Tyler, alias Crack Tyler, colored, of 1127 New Hampshire avenue northwest, was treated at the Emergency Hospital shortly before midnight last night for a painful scalp wound. After the injury had been dressed, however, Tyler was able | goals. to return to his home. The assailant is said to have acted in protection of his Tyler, the police state, made a threatening remark to the woman, and her fearing she would be injured, struck Tyler in the head.

Had Razor in His Pocket.

Samuel M. Burger will be called upon to explain to Judge Kimball in the Police Court tomorrow morning the presence of a razor in his pocket last night. He was taken into custody by the police of the secand precinct about midnight last night, and when searched at the station house a razor was found in his pocket.

Supposed to Have Been Accident.

Henrietta Spriggs, colored, twenty-two years of age, of 2127 Twines court north- other complaint than acute indigestion from west, is nursing a bullet wound in her heel as the result of an accident last evening at the corner of 23d and G streets northwest. The ambulance of the Emergency Hospital was called and the woman was given surgical aid at that institution. She was able to return to her home early this morning.

. The gun which caused the wound is the police pending an investiga-

Offices to Washingtonians.

FILL HIGHEST POSITIONS ATTITUDE TOWARD JAPAN

President and Secretary.

Membership-Prize for Essay Goes to Mrs. Anna H. Abel.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., December 29.-The final sessions of the several conventions which have been held at Brown Unilay. At the conventions which, in a measof subjects were discussed.

Perhaps the most important incidental feature of the closing session was the action taken by the American Historical Association, which placed itself on record in honoring James Bryce, the newly named ambassador to this country from England. The association elected him to a honorary membership and he will be formally advised shooting up of that city by negro soldiers of the action immediately after his arrival

Officers Elated.

This association elected J. Franklin Jame on of Washington, president; A. H. Clark of Washington, secretary; Charles H. Haskins of Cambridge, Mass., corresponding secretary, and Clarence W. Brown of New York, treasurer. The next annual meeting will be held at the University of Wisconsin

the latter part of December, 1907. The other organizations which have been in session here will meet at the same place and time, and in the following year will join the Economic Association in its convention at Richmond, Va. The Economic Association elected as its president Prof. the inspector who had knocked a negro sol- Jeremiah W. Jenks of Cornell University, and Prof. Winthrop M. Daniels of Princeton as secretary-treasurer.

The most important business transacted

by the American Sociological Society was the authority given to the executive committee to issue a monthly publication, and this authority will probably be ex-ercised during the coming year.

A Prosperous Session.

The American Political Science Association enjoyed the most prosperous convenentry and others about the fort hearing members on the rolls this year than a year ago. This association elected Frederick N. has been covered up. Why has not the corporal who held the gun-rack key been W. W. Willoughby of Johns Hopkins Uni-Mrs. Anna H. Abel of the Baltimore

can Historical Association for the best person who has made an investigation that historical essay, her topic being. "History one about the fort could locate them. of events resulting in the Indian consolida-"I am positive that the entire battaion tion west of the Mississippi." In the fu-was either guilty of actual shooting or had ture the amount of this prize will be a guilty knowledge. I believe that the Pres- doubled and it will be awarded biennially, instead of annually, as at present. The Biographical Society of America and the New England History Teachers' Association did not transact any business during the week, the election of officers

Madison, Wis., next December GAVE HIS WIFE AWAY. Man Presented to His Friend, When

He Found Her Untrue.

and other business being put over until the

will be held at

pecial Dispatch to The Star. MILLVILLE, N. J., December 29.-When neighbors inquired of Eli Garrison today as to the whereabouts of his wife he created a sensation by informing them that he had presented her to a young man named Kelly as a Christmas gift and donated to ser the household goods.

Garrison said that some time ago he learned she was untrue, and when accused she admitted her guilt. He said that they had lived happily together for eighteen years and have never quarreled during that time. Garrison states that he received a letter from his wife today asking his for-giveness and expressing a desire to return to him. He says that he replied to the she is tired of Kelly she can return, prothey were before the transaction. Garrison thinks that his wife has learned

a lesson and will appreciate him more than "Anyhow," said he, "it was an experiment that I guess worked well, and perhaps she won't get infatuated very soon again and cause me the embarrassment of giving her away.

LOCAL TEAM WINS.

Y. M. C. A. Tri-City Basket Ball Championship. Special Dispatch to The Star.

YORK, Pa., December 29.-Through the

display of surprising form during the close

of the contest the Washington, D. C., Y. M. C. A. basket ball team defeated the laid in the Caruso case. local Y. M. C. A. team in the second of the tri-city championship basket ball games in this city tonight. The score was 17 to 16. The game was rough throughout, the players on both sides holding at every opportunity. The locals had a good lead in the first half, but lost later in the game rough the superior work of the vis posed entirely of women—in fact, there does not appear to be a man connected Sieber, who was protested, did not play.

The company is capket ball ever seen in this city. There were many brilliant plays on each side. italized at \$1,000,000, and it will mine and cture garnets for use in jewelry and | Washington's ability to finish strong won the game for them. The York players started with a dash, and it was not long before they had a substantial lead on their opponents. Toward the close of the first half Washington settled down to strong defensive work and York was unable to score. The second half Washington began the scoring. Ludwig threw a pretty field goal, and this was followed by another thrown by Haight. For the locals Susong and Barnes played star games. The foul goals' shooting of Susong was one of the features of the contest. Haight, Ludwig and Williams excelled for the visitors. Out of five attempts Williams caged three foul

Line-Up and Score. Positions. York. Washington. forward Susong forward Baughman-Kauffman center Bowers guard Barnes guard Demwolf Coleman..... Ludwig-McLain Haight.....

Goals from field—Susong (2), Kauffman, Demwolf, Barnes (2), Ludwig (3), McLain (2), Haight (2), Goals from foul—Susong (4), Williams (3), Referee—Beckett—Times of halves—20 minutes.

Former President Cleveland Better .. Special Dispatch to The Star. PRINCETON, N. J., December 29 -Grover Cleveland's condition improved tophysician, when seen tonight said: "I do

which he is suffering. Editor Shot and Killed.

serious at the present time, and I believe he is rapidly recovering. I know of no

MINATARE, Neb., December 29 .- Samuel D. Cox, editor of the Minatare Sentinel, was shot and instantly killed tonight by E. S. Kennison, a hotel man. The men engaged said to have been in the hands of Fred in a scuffle on the street over a personal Gattis and is supposed to have been acci-dentally discharged. Gattis, however, was firing three shots, all of which took effect.

Contrary, It is Stated.

J. F. Jameson and A. H. Clark True Purpose of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance is Understood.

CONVENTION ADJOURNS SOME CRITICISM OF AMERICANS

Business Methods Have Become Very Reckless With Property.

Special Cablegram to The Star. LONDON, December 29.-Mr. Whitelaw Reid is reported to have said in a recent versity during the past week were held to- public occasion in New York state that never was the friendly feeling of Englishure, were merged into one, a wide variety men toward Americans so cordial as now. The amhassador undoubtedly made this declaration in perfect sincerity. Every- twice as many state officials appointed by thing in his relations with British official and social circles in the past eighteen months tends to confirm him in this be-

> questions at the foreign office respecting what would be Great Britain's attitude me nad done so he would have received assurances that the possibility of Great Britain being dragged into war with the United States as an ally of Japan was outside the range of practical events. He would have received also the frank admission that the failure of the state, but outside of two or three cities they have proved impotent because not versed in political methods. It has been noticed also that in every instance where the question of leadership was subside the failure of the state, but outside of two or three cities they have proved impotent because not versed in political methods. It has been noticed also that in every instance where the question of leadership was subside to a primary of the state, but outside of two or three cities they have proved impotent because not versed in political methods. It sion that the failure to provide against such a contingency was an oversight which the British government sincerely regrets. He would probably receive also a quiet hint that the Japanese government is already fully aware that under no circumstances could Great Britain contem-plate any such unforeseen developments of the obligations which the treaty of 1905 imposes.

The Real Purpose.

The real purposes of the Anglo-Japanese alliance are well understood by the contracting powers and by the world at large. If any of the contemplated crises arise both allies will meet them with the utmost good faith. Nevertheless the acute embarrassment of the British position is fully realized and keenly felt in this country. It is recognized most significantly of all by the absolute silence of the press on the subject. The English editors are fully aware of the attention which the matter is receiving in America, but not a word is said publicly nor will there be unless the difficulty becomes more acute or it is possible to announce some definite modification of the existing treaty.

Not Practical Politics.

Opinion in general in diplomatic circles agrees in regarding a rupture between Great Britain and the United States under the terms of the Anglo-Japanese alliance as outside the range of practical politics. No British government, it is argued, would be quixotic or mad enough to give Germany such an opportunity to join forces with the United States and destroy the British empire.

While silent on this sore subject, criti ism of things American continue to appear n new places in the British press. The in new places in the British press. Times today intimates quite plainly that American b siness methods reckless, and hints at the danger of a col-lapse of the overboomed American prosperity. The American people more than all others, it says, need to remember the "Something always happens prevent the tallest tree from touching the sky." The average American hates to see a dollar doing nothing, says the Times, so ne provides himself no reserve.

CARUSO FINE STANDS

RECORDER GOFF AFFIRMS VER-DICT IN SINGER'S CASE.

NEW YORK, December 29 .- The conviction of Enrico Caruso, the famous Italian opera singer, on a charge of annoying a Park, was affirmed today by Recorder Goff communication and informed her that if in the court of general sessions. Caruso's counsel at once announced that the case will be appealed to the appellate division of the supreme court. The recorder declared summoned to meet here on Wednesday next in his decision that it was not essential to the conviction that Hannah Graham, who made the complaint upon which Caruso was arrested, appear in court to prosecute the charge.

"The offense is not so much against the individual as against public order and desays the recorder in his decision cency." upon this point. He also upheld the police nagistrate in refusing to permit the police blotter to be introduced in evidence, as requested by the defense, holding that it was not a public record, but merely a memorandum of the police sergeant and could only be used to show contrary admission made by a witness where proper foundation had been laid to impeach his testimony. He declared that no such foundation had been

Weight of Evidence.

On the question of weight of evidence and the credibility to be given to the witnesses, the recorder said the law vested in the magistrate the power to decide all questions of fact, and to render his judgment on the testimony as he believed it, and unless it appears that there was an abuse of discretion for a determination clearly against the weight of evidence an appellate court cannot disturb the judgment. He did not find in the record any error prejudicial to the defendant.

"As matter of law, I cannot sav that the magistrate erred in his judgment," said Recorder Goff, "and as a matter of fact I cannot subject my judgment for his. He had the witnesses before him, and from their appearances, behavior, testimony and their manner of giving it, was best qualified to judge of their credibility. Even though I should come to the conclusion that, if I were sitting in his place, I should render a different judgment, that would not justify me in reversing his judg-ment. Until the contrary is shown I must assume that the magistrate performed his duty, I am limited by the record certified by the court below. On it alone can I pass judgment, and I cannot superimpose upon it my views as to what could or should

have been done.' CAR FARES REDUCED.

Cleveland Lines Will Sell Seven

Tickets for a Quarter. CLEVELAND, Ohio, December 29 .- The Cleveland Electric Railway Company in an official statement, which will appear tomorrow, will announce a reduction for an innight. Dr. J. M. Carnochan, the family definite period in fare from five cents for single fares, or eleven tickets for fifty cents, not consider Mr. Cleveland's condition as now sold, to seven tickets for twentyfive cents. This move is made to test the low fare offer made by the Cleveland Electric Railway Company to the city in connection with its fight for a new franchise in which that company made an offer to establish a three-and-a-half-cent-fare rate on its lines. The action of the company is also an angle of the street railway struggle which has been waged for several months between the Cleveland Electric Railway Company, which is the old line company, and the Forest City Company, recently re-incorporated as the Municipal Traction Company and later as the Low Fare Company, which in its grant is restricted to the

Special Dispatch to The Star. INDIANAPOLIS. Ind., December 29 .termined to have a primary election law enacted. They say the older politicians are of railway laborers near Hurts, Va., early under control of Vice President Fairbanks, this morning. and that the only hope for the re-election of Beveridge lies in a primary law that will give each voter an equal voice in the

choice of party leaders. The conclusion that Beyeridge is the target of a great political combination has been forced upon him and his friends the last few weeks. They say that Mr. Fairbanks is at the head of an organization the purpose of which is to nominate him for President, to nominate Representative and name Gov. Hanly as Beveridge's successor in the Senate. James P. Goodrich, chairman of the republican state central committee, is in the combination, and it is said that the Paris consulate is to be his eward if Fairbanks is elected President.

Fairbanks Controls Nine. Mr. Fairbanks controls nine of the thirteen members of the state committee, and these are active in their districts getting into shape for the struggle. In addition there are half a hundred federal employes appointed by Mr. Fairbanks, and possibly This is the array that Senator Beveridge

much go against for a third term, and his friends candidly avow that he will not be equal to the emergency if present methods Mr. Reid has never asked embarrassing of selecting campaign committees is con-Reveridge's friends have faith in the primary for the reason that his support is

lected in township and county conventions by the old methods. Fairbanks Has the Old Ones.

In the last contest for members of the state central committee Fairbanks got nine members and Beverldge four, but in a majority of those cases in which Beveridge lest he was assumed to have majorities in the districts. His friends say they were simply wheedled out of votes by the arts of the old politicians whom Fairbanks succeeded in lining up on his side, and that the only hope of defeating the Vice President in the struggle to control the party organization is in having a primary law and allowing the vote of each man to count the same in the selection of committeemen Henry C. Starr, vice president and general counsel of the Wisconsin Central rail road; Joseph B. Kealing, United States district attorney for Indiana, and State Chairman Goodrich are active in the work of organization throughout the state, and are expected to assume a belligerent atti-tude toward a primary election law when it is presented in the form of a bill in the legislature. But great pressure is being brought to bear upon Gov. Hanly, and it is probable that he will recommend such

measure in his message. He is said to believe that such a law would add strength to his case, whatever might be the result to Fairbanks and Wat-son, and as he is anxious to respond to every popular demand he may suggest to the legislature the advisability of such a This would be unexpected strength for the Beveridge cause, as seen by enator's friends, and they are doing everything in their power to bring it about

HISSANITYQUESTIONED

APPLICATION FOR AN EXAMINA-TION OF JAMES C. BANNON.

Special Dispatch to The Star. ANNAPOLIS Md., December 29 .- Appllcation was made here in the circuit court today by Joseph G. Bannon for a writ of de lunatico inquirendo upon tthe mental politician of Anne Arundel county and an attorney in this county and in Baltimore city. The counsel for the petitioner are James A. McCarthy of Baltimore and Elihu S. Riley of Annapolis. Mr. Bannon was arrested recently upon two several charges of embezzlement in trust estates and was removed from the trusteeship of one of them. He is represented to be in a deplorwoman in the monkey house at Central able mental and physical condition. The certificate alleging his unsound mental state is signed by Dr. J. J. Murray of Annapolis and Dr. Thomas B. Horton of Curtis Bay, in this county. The jury to inquire into the matter of Mr. Bannon's lunacy has been

SHAMROCKS SNOWED UNDER. West Branch Y. M. C. A. Simply Eat 'Em Alive. Special Dispatch to The Star.

at 10 o'clock.

BALTIMORE, Md., December 29 .- In a game of basket ball the West Branch Young Men's Christian Association of Baltimore defeated the Shamrock Athletic Club of Washington tonight in the West Branch gymnasium, 64 to 1. As the score indicates, there was nothing to it for the visitors. They were never in the game, The Baltimore boys started out to win, and in about five minutes had run up 18 points. Omohundro and Brittingham at forward, passed all around their opponents, scoring at will. The defense men, even finding there was nothing for them to do in their own territory, came forward and shared honors with the attack. In the second half, with everything their own way, the home team saw fit to play two second team men, and even then the scoring went merrily o scored 64 points to 1 by their opponents West Branch.

(Eckert) center Harris ... Croache

Goals-Brittingham (9), Omohundro (9), A. Fowler, Stevens (4), O'Connor (7). Goals from fouls-Omohundro, Fowler (3). Sullivan. On New Year night the West Branch team will play the 2d Regiment of Washington, said to be the best team in the capital city, so that a much closer game than tonight's exhibition can be expected.

NEW YEAR RECEPTIONS

A List of Those Receiving and Not Receiving to Be Printed Monday.

The Star will publish tomorrow a list of those receiving or not receiving on New Year day.

All persons desiring to be included in the list should send notices to The Star office before 10 o'clock Monday morning stating that they will or will not receive, with the addresses and names of assistants.

To insure publication these notices must be properly authenticated.

FRIENDS SAY SUCH A LAW IS BLOODY CRIME RESULT OF FAMILY FEUD.

DANVILLE, Va., December 29 .- Joe Patrillo, Maggie Sullivan and Lawrence Sul-Members of the house and senate who are livan, the twelve-year-old son of Maggie adherents of Senator Beveridge are de-Sullivan, were brutally murdered at a camp

> The parties arrested for the murders are Fred Ammoto and his son, Allie Ammoto. The killing is the result of a bitter feud

between the two families.

Fred Ammoto, an Italian, who has charge of the commissary at the camp, and his son, Allle Ammoto, have been arrested on the charge of the killings. The Sullivan woman, it is alleged, deserted her husband at Bedford City, Va., some time ago, and has been living with Patrillo as his wife. The Ammotos reside in a tent near Patrillo in the camp, and the two families have been at enmity for some time.

The three bodies were discovered stretched out on the floor of their tent at about 7 o'clock. The work was done with a 44-calliber pistol. Two pistol balls entered the head of Patrillo, several entered the head and body of the Sullivan woman, and two pierced the heart of the boy.

Stains of a Struggle.

Stains of a Struggle. The floor of the tent and the ground or the outside were covered with blood, indicating that a terrific struggle had ensued before the murders were accomplished.

Immediately after the gruesome discovery was made Justice of the Peace John L. Hurt began an investigation, and at first could find absolutely no clue. Despite the fact that many Italians and laborers, who were near by, and must have heard the shooting, and probably been eye-witnesses to the fight, none will give any information of a direct nature. Fear of vengeance on the part of relatives of the accused men is the theory advanced for the silence. In the tent of the murdered man were found letters for Patrillo, written by Am-moto, it is alleged, threatening him and

This furnished the first clue, and when arrested Ammoto carried an empty .44-caliber pistol. On the floor of his tent were found a number of empty cartridges, which carried the same size bullets as those which were found in the bodies of the three murdered victims.

A preliminary trial was given the two men, and they were held without bail pending action by the grand jury. The boy claims that he can prove an allbi. The Sullivan woman and Patrillo had een living at the camp for several months. It is alleged that she deserted her husband near Bedford City, Va., and that the Ammotos had objected to her as a neighbor.

ON CHARGE OF MURDER

COLORED MAN IN CUSTODY HERE WANTED IN WILMINGTON.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

WILMINGTON, Del., December 29 .- The Wilmington police believe that George, alias "Sainty" Lewis, a negro, who was arrested in Washington on the charge of being the murderer of Frederick Walker, another negro, in Wilmington, on October 27, 1902, is the right man. Tomorrow or Monday a member of the local police department will go to Washington for the purpose of formally identifying the accused.

The Wilmington authorities had almost forgotten the Walker tragedy when word was received last night from Major Sylvester of the arrest of Lewis. The major stated that Lewis denied ever having been in this city. He answers the description, ments of the police.

however, of the slayer, according to state-Walker was stabbed near the heart with a slender knife blade during a fight. The injury was believed to be trivial, but he dled within an hour at a hospital here.

In Fourth Precinct Station.

Capt. Boardman, in charge of the detective bureau, has received a telegram from the Wilmington, Del., authorities asking the local police to hold Lewis until an officer can come here to identify him. The detectcondition of James C. Bannon, a prominent live, with witnesses, is expected to reach

here today. Lewis was arrested Friday night in South Washington by Detectives Hartigan and Baur of headquarters on a tip they had received that he was a fugitive from Wilmington, and after he was taken into cus-tody the Wilmington police were notified. Lewis is held at the fourth precinct station pending the arrival of the out-of-town detective. He denies that he was ever connected with a crime in Wilmington, but it is declared his description tallies with that given of the man wanted for murder in Wilmington.

BLACKBURN TO CONTEST. North Carolinian Makes Charge of

Gross Frauds. Representative E. Spencer Blackburn of North Carolina today announced that he would contest the election of Richard N. Hackett as a member of the Sixtleth Congress from the eighth congressional district of that state. Congressman Blackburn has written a letter to his opponent at Wilksboro, N. C., notifying him of the action he has taken.

In this letter Mr. Blackburn says that, although the election returns shows that his opponent was given a majority of 1,066 rotes, he was not lawfully elected. Mr. Blackburn charges that gross irregularities, illegalities, frauds and bribery were committed by patisans of Mr. Hackett, and that the conduct of the election officers at the voting precincts was unjust, wrongful and unlawful.

SECRETARY TAFT'S DENIAL. Of Story That He Favored Complete Elimination of Negro Troops.

Secretary Taft yesterday authorized a positive and emphatic denial of the published report that the President and the Secretary of War favored the complete elimination from the army of all the negro troops, and would make a recommenda-tion to Congress for legislation to that end. There are now four negro regiments in the army—the 9th and 10th Cavalry and the 24th and 25th Infantry—all of which have had hard service against Indians and in Cuba and the Philippines.

23 WERE KILLED.

Board of Trade Will Investigate Wreck in Scotland.

DUNDEE, Scotland, December 29.-The wrecks of the two trains which were in collision near Arbroath, between Edinburgh and Aberdeen, yesterday, have been cleared away sufficiently to permit of traffic being resumed. The dead and injured have all been taken to Arbroath.

yesterday are dead. This brings the total of deaths up to twenty-three. Gangs of men, by the light of huge bonfires, tonight are clearing away the debris. Aberdeen has been cut off since naursday, but the demoralized Scottish train service is LONDON. December 29.-The board of

Three more persons who sustained injuries

vestigate the Abroath railway wreck. Murdered an Ill Woman.

HARRISONBURG, Va., December 29 .-

Special Dispatch to The Star.

News was received here this evening from Hardy county, West Virginia, of a most brutal murder at Peru, in the heart of the Alleghany mountains. Dorothy Ween, also known as Harpman, who had been living at the house of a man named Vance Simons, was terribly beaten as she lay sick

LOCAL MEN HONORED ENGLAND IS FRIENDLY BEVERIDGE'S PRIMARY THREE ARE MURDERED BONE OF CONTENTION WILL NOT FIX DATE

Simplified Spelling Causes Russia Backward About the Strife Among Educators.

ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION EFFORTS OF GREAT BRITAIN

Opponents of Reform Claim "Simple Joint Action May Be Deferred Until Fellows" Fooled Them.

HARMONY FINALLY RESTORED

Adam and Eve and the Garden of Her Assumption of Authority May Eden-Was the Apple

a Lemon?

pecial Dispatch to The Star. NEW HAVEN, Conn., December 29 .- The quarrel between the friends and foes of simplified spelling in the National American day. The opponents of the reform spelling At today's closing of the annual convention they broke out in protest at forcing down their throats yesterday a set of resolutions adopting the Rooseveltian-backed spelling. They demanded that the yesterday's action be rescinded, but were overruled. As soon as today's meeting began Prof. John F. Goar of Adel Phi College, Brooklyn, hopped up and said:

"A number of members yesterday after noon thought that they were voting for an amendment indorsing simplified spellng. Instead of passing the complete set, I think that a move to reconsider the resolution should be taken."

Prof. J. W. Cunliffe of Magill University

"There was considerable confusion," he said, "at the time, and I think that the greater part of the members were so eager to get to lunch that we were not quite sure what was done. There was consider able tinkering with the wording of the resolution, but I think the procedure was perfectly proper.

Hazy About Amendment.

President Todd of Columbus, chairman of the meeting, agreed with Prof. Cunliffe

and thought that it was better to let the matter drop. This was enough to bring Prof. Goar to his feet with a jump. "I don't agree with the chair. Many members who voted in favor of the resolution told me that they thought they were vot-

ing for the amendment and were not in

favor of the new spelling. I think that

the matter should be reopened." Prof. Cunliffe rose again. "Now that we have been put before the public in this light, I think we ought to

let it stand." "Well, we are approving something we don't know," retorted Prof. Goar. "We approve the doings of the simplified spelling approve the doings of the simplified board who have not yet held a meeting."

board who have not yet held a meeting."

Well, what has been done is done, and we will have to wait another year. I move in con-sideration of the discussion which has

Prof. Boone, another advocate of the new spelling, jumped up. "I would ask the secretary to read again the vote on this resolution as taken at the time it was passed and on the amendment." A consultation of the records showed that the amendment was 56 to 31 "If those gentlemen who told Prof. Goar that they would have voted against the

plan had recorded their votes the other way, I do not see in the face of these figures that it would have changed the final result," said Prof. Cunliffe.

Goar Asked to Withdraw.

The chair suggested that Prof. Goar withdraw his motion to reopen the discussion, which was done. Prof. Goar and Prof. Ross of Bryn Mawr gave notice that they would press the motion to rescind at the next annual meeting. It looked today as if the simplified spellers came, saw and conquered, and then took to the woods, for, outside of the officers of the meeting they did not appear to defend their cause this morning. Those present

spirit and did not seem to think that it would make much difference with the records or that the society would go out of existence because it had let the simplifiers take charge.

Prof. Mott in offering a vote of thanks

to Yale said:

looked upon the whole affair in a humorous

"The resoluton, as far as I know, does

not contain a single word to which excep-tion can be taken with regard to its spell-B. Henneman read a unique paper on "Certain Songs and Ballads Heard and Collected in Eastern North Carolina." This told of the discovery of an elderly woman in the backwoods of North Carolina who knew several old English ballads which had been taught her by her mother, who in turn had received them by tradi-tion from her home in England. These were taken down as she sung them, and are full of quaint ungrammatical expressions which cuased the liveliest amusement when read this morning: One was:

"The Ballad of Johnny Dye," who re-turned suddenly to his lady love, "and when she did see him come in at the door, his earrings were busted and fell to the The officers elected Prof. F. N. Scott of the University of Michigan president; Prof. F. M. Warren of Yale, Prof. Chas.

Harris of Western Reserve and Prof. J. D. Beaver of the University of Tennessee, vice Eve and the Apple.

The convention did not settle whether Eve handed Adam a lemon in the garden, but it decided that nothwithstanding the Bible account, is was no apple. Prof. Oliver Johnson of Leland Standford,

ir.. University did not appeare to read his

naper, but sent it. He said that an apple is

strictly a fruit of the temperate zone, while the Garden of Eden was in the tropics. To summarize, his paper follows: "According to a legend widely diffused in medieval and modern literature, the name of the fruit that Adam and Eve were furbidden to eat was the apple. The object of the present study is to try to show that this legend owes its origin to the difference between the meaning of Latin pomun, fruit in general, and its French derivative.

pomme, both forms having been used in de-scribing the forbidden fruit. In the vulgate the fruit in question is designated by fructus. "However, Ambrosius Ausbertus uses pomun in referring to this fruit, and in the old French descriptions of the Garden of

Two Trainmasters Killed.

Eden fructus is replaced by pomme."

TROY, N. Y., December 29.-Charles W. Carstenson and M. Manning, two assistant trainmasters of the New York Central railway, were instantly killed tonight at the Livingston avenue crossing, Albany. The men were standing on the track talking

Col. Pepper's Will. LEXINGTON, Ky., December 29.-The

will of Col. James E. Pepper, turfman and whisky manufacturer, who died in New York last Monday, was probated this afternoon. The estate is valued at \$100,000. All the property is given to his wife, Mrs. Ella in bed with typhold fever. She died Mon- O. Pepper. The will is dated January 22, Half street southwest, estimated his loss

Congo Dispute is Settled.

THE ATTITUDE OF BELGIUM

Prove the Best Solution of

the Question.

LONDON, December 29.-For some time past Great Britain has been trying to induce Russia to fix a date for the next Language Association broke out afresh to- Hague peace conference, but thus far withfelt that the simple fellows fooled them. would be the most convenient month for the conference, but although this suggestion was made early in the fall no reply has yet been received from St. Petersburg. The British delegates to the conference probably will include a cabinet minister, in addition to James Bryce, the newly appointed ambassador to Washington. Among those mentioned as possible delegates is Lord Reay, who has been popularly known as Lord "Ex-Reay" since he failed to obtain the expected place in the present cabinet. However, the actual selection of delegates

The Congo Dispute. The diplomatic exchanges which have

the conference.

will not be announced until something is

heard from Russia relative to the date of

taken place here between the British and American governments relative to the situation in the Congo independent state lead to the belief that any steps toward joint action by the powers in this matter will be deferred until the Belgian parliament finally decides the issue now pending be-fore it as to whether Belgium shall assume the place of King Leopold in control of the Congo or not. British officials hope that Belgium will assume this responsibil-ity, as it is claimed that the present status of the Congo state, independent of Belgium, does not permit Great Britain or any other power to address representations or pro-tests to any authoritative source. Such communications now must go through the channels of the Belgium foreign office, which, however, possesses no real authority over the Congo

The British Viewpoint.

The British official view, therefore, inclines strongly to the annexation of the Congo by Belgium, as the powers then would be able to deal in some effective way directly with Belgium, and it is held that this would go a long way toward remedying the political situation.

In the event, however, of Belgium's failarisen that the secretary read the third article, as amended and passed, that we may know actually where we stand."

Prof. Grangent then said that the forms recommended by the simplified spelling board in its published list of three hundred words be used hereafter in the publications would share this view, but no definite deter-of the association. The author of a mono- mination is expected before Belgium decides mination is expected before Belgium decides graph, however, shall always be consulted and shall always have the right to direct that his work shall be published in the spelling which he prefers.

Whether or not she will take control. As the governments of both Great Britain and the United States appear to agree in this matter, Belgium's assumption of responsibility for the Congo, it is thought, will prove the best solution of the question.

SERIOUS CHARGES MADE

M., J. AND K. C. R. R. COMPANY MAY BE INSOLVENT.

MOBILE, Ala., December 29.-T. L. Chadbourne, jr., a member of the firm of New York lawyers which is representing the receivers of the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad Company, today filed an affidavit in connection with the receiver ship proceedings, alleging that he was a stockholder in the road and a large owner of stock in the Alabama Securities Company, and was an active factor in the affairs of both concerns; that the securities company purchased the entire stock of the Chicago and Gulf Railroad Company for \$270,000; that Alexander McDonald, W. D. Stratton and E. K. Stallo own or control a majority of the stock of the securities company, but that by reason of his interests in the securities company up to the latter part of 1903 he was entirely familiar with the transactions of the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City railway and the securities company, and owing to his interest as a bond and stock holder of the Chicago and Gulf railway he has since the above date kept in touch with the transactions of Stratton, Stallo and McDon-

ald and the companies they control. He alleges that they have made charges against the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City company in favor of the securities company for the alleged extra services and expenditures, aggregating \$1,163,361, and that by virtue of their control of the railroad company and the securities com-pany they have had the former admit lia-bility by contract with the securities company to the extent of \$500,000 on fraudu-lent and unwarranted claims, and further that they caused the securities company to be credited with \$384,851 on claims equally as unwarranted and fraudulent. Mr. Chadbourne avers that the securities company had no assets in Alabama that can be reached by law, and that the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City and the Chicago

and Gulf companies are hopelessly insol-E. R. Stewart, formerly auditor of the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City company, who resigned a short time ago, makes affi-davit to the effect that under instructions from the president of the road at the time he was auditor he was ordered to make fictitious entries to the credit of permanent improvement, with counter charge against operating expenses, so as to make the earnings of the road apparently exceed its operating expenses and fixed charges, whereas, in fact, the earnings were not sufficient to cover operating expenses and fixed charges, and that these fictitious entries

net earnings instead of a loss. ACCIDENT ON CAR LINE.

the books of the company to show

Wagon Demolished, Horse So Badly Injured It Had to Be Shot.

In a collision between a car of the City and Suburban railroad and a wagon laden with sand, to which two horses were attached, at the corner of 12th street and Rhode Island avenue northeast last evening about 6 o'clock, the wagan was demolished and one horse was so badly injured that it had to be shot. Claude Slaughter, 1235 2d street southwest, the driver of the wagon, escaped injury jumping. At the point where the accident occurred

repairs are being made to the pavement, and a new telephone conduit is being installed. The only place where a team can drive is between the car tracks, it is stated, and were struck by a Delaware and Hud-and Slaughter was driving his wagin on the car tracks, when the City and Subur-ban railroad car, in charge of D. T. Peari, motorman, and Conductor Heflin, came The motorman did not discover the team

in time to stop the speeding car, and he struck the wagon in the rear. The impact was sufficient to throw the wagon and horses off the track. The driver saw that a collision was imminent, and jumped in time to save himself. The owner of the team, F. Andrews, 1310

Haque Peace Conference.